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A Word From Our Chairman

Many thanks to those of you who were so helpful and reliable throughout the summer months. This is always a difficult period for staffing. Some days were down to the bare bones, with no opportunity for coffee breaks, but The Grange was not closed for even one day. Special thanks to Pamela Stirling, not a formal Grange volunteer, who stepped in often to alleviate our problem.

Welcome back to the lucky people who had extended vacations. We're happy you're with us again.

If you have not filled in your questionnaires, please do so immediately and hand them in to your Day Captain or to Peggy. As you know, as a Grange volunteer it's necessary to have formal training. For those of you who have been here for some time, it's time to refresh and renew.

Reminder: Day Course

Sept. 30 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 7 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 21 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Night Course

Nov. 4 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Nov. 18 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The day course is more comprehensive and is recommended, if possible.

Please keep in mind our Celebration week-end, the first week-end in December. The shop has always been a wonderful success, both decoratively and financially, and has given us great visibility.

The luncheon/lecture series will be in November. The enrichment talks for Volunteers will be October 28, at 10:00 and November 11, at 10:00, in the Music Room.

We are sending letters, invitations and brochures to all the schools in the Toronto, East York and Etobicoke School Boards. Last year we sent to the Toronto Board, and there seemed to be a marked increase in requests for school tours.

Letters and brochures are being sent to all the bus tour operators and tour designers in Ontario, Quebec and the bordering United States, to make them more aware of our house and our tours.

The AGO has many corporate donors and members of the Curators' Circle. These members have the opportunity to use the Gallery and The Grange for dinners, receptions and luncheons. This is very helpful to us, because this is the manner in which we earn the revenue for our operating budget. I have sent a letter to

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each and every member,
describing our facilities.
Hopefully, we'll increase
the number of catering events
for the following year.

It appears that we're busily
involved in Direct Marketing.
Any suggestions are always
welcome.

My thanks to Andree Accette,
our new Newsletter Editor.
Our Spring issue was both
entertaining and informative.

CALENDAR

DAY CAPTAINS' MEETING

Thursday, September 19, 1985
5:30 p.m.

TRAINING & RENEWAL SESSIONS

See Chairman's remarks, above.

AUTUMN LECTURE SERIES

Luncheon Lectures

*Nov. 5, 1985 - "ANNE LANGTON"
Gentle Woman of
the Backwoods"
Barbara Williams

*Nov. 19, 1985 - "DID THE GRANGE
HAVE A ROSE GARDEN?"
#Pleasance Crawford

*Dec. 3, 1985 - "CHRISTMAS
TRADITIONS"
Lucienne Watt
Sheila Irvine

*All lectures on Tuesday at
11:00 a.m., in The Grange Music
Room, followed by informal
luncheon. Dates of Enrichment
lectures given in Chairman's
remarks.

#This is an all-new lecture.

Evening Lecture

Wednesday, December 11, 1985
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- CHRISTMAS WITH
HANS CHRISTIAN
ANDERSEN
(in person)

Daniel Hyatt

A CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 30 &
Sunday, December 1
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

GRANGE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Monday, October 7
Monday, November 4
Monday, December 2

All meetings at 1:00 p.m. in
the Library.

ETCETERA

IN THE NEWS

THE GRANGE: Visitors from
Europe and Australia tell
us that the house is mentioned
in both the French and English
editions of the Michelin Guide
to Canada. Our rating is "2
STAR"!

Also in current T.V. ads,
fall fashions for teens from
Simpson's are shot in part
with The Grange as a backdrop.

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PEOPLE: Jane Carruthers still needs one person to train in the Treasurer's area.

RESEARCH

KEROSENE: The inventor was a Nova Scotia country doctor cum geologist named Abraham Gesner. At a lecture at the Mechanics Institute in Charlottetown, P.E.I., in the spring of 1846, Gesner introduced his invention to the public. The flame, producing a clear, white light, was brighter than any previous illumination. Kerosene replaced whale oil as the major domestic lighting fuel, providing cheap, safe, bright indoor lighting for the first time in history.

Gesner's distillation process was later used to refine the first barrels of North American crude oil, making him the father of the modern petroleum industry.

PARIAN: What is "parian"? Look for details in the Winter Newsletter.

"THE GRANGE" LIBRARY: A small circulating collection is available for the use of Grange volunteers. Any book in this collection, most of which are duplicates of those in our main collection, can be withdrawn for a reasonable period of time by signing for it in the book provided. Suggestions for additions to this collection would be welcomed. Contact Mary Ash, or leave a note in the office.

Books in the main collection do not circulate. This policy was established at the time the decision was made to open the library and staff it with volunteer librarians.

The Grange library is part of the Metro Toronto library system, and details of its collection are on record at the Metro Toronto Reference Library and at the National Library of Canada. Researchers from outside the AGO can arrange to use its resources by making an appointment.

The Grange library operates under the supervision of the Chief Librarian at the E.P. Taylor Reference Library. The resources of this library are also open to Grange volunteers. It is a non-circulating library, and is open 11:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Tuesday - Friday. (.A.)

EXHIBITIONS

McNAIR GALLERY, VISITORS CENTRE, BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE: "The Kerosene Era: Lamps from the Thuro Collection." This exhibition has been held over to the end of 1985.

CANADIANA GALLERY, ROM: Now installed, and located on level 1B of the ROM's main building. Included at the present time is "Canadian Portrait Gallery". Some of the subjects are early settlers and Canadian historical figures of interest to Grange Volunteers.

